IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tokio OOI et al.

Application No.: New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: February 5, 2004 Docket No.: 118520

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ACTIVATED CARBON

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification. (Refs. 1-3)
- 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 1-3)
- 4. A Computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Registration No. 27,07:

Joel S. Armstrong Registration No. 36,430

JAO:JSA/amo

Date: February 5, 2004

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION
Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

				·			Sheet	1	of <u>1</u>
Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83) US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				ATTY DOCKET NO. 118520 APPLICANTS Tokio OOI et al.			APPLICATION NO. New U.S. Patent Application		
							<u> </u>	,,,	
				FILING February					
		U.S.	PAT	ENT DOC	JMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER		DATE	NAME			CLASS	SUB CLASS
	<u> </u>					·			
									
		FOREIG	GN PA	ATENT DO	CUMENTS				
		DOCUMENT NUMBER		DATE		COUNTRY	_	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	JP A 2000-313611 w/ abst & trans		14/2000	Japan				
	2	JP A 63-030308 w/ abst		09/1988	Japan				
	3.	JP B2 1-52324 w/ abst	01/	07/1983	Japan				•
		OTHER DOCUMENTS (In	cludir	ng Author,	Title, Date, P	ertinent Pages, etc.)			
14									
						. ,			

Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

DATE CONSIDERED

Date: February 5, 2004

EXAMINER

Examiner: